Best Practices in Regional Planning:
Panel Discussion

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Purpose

• To share best practices and lessons learned during development of 2012 UASI and COG Region Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments (THIRAs), State Preparedness Reports (SPRs) and Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan annual Implementation Plans
Background

- **THIRA** *(What is required by “plausible worst case” threats and hazards?)*
  - New FEMA requirement in 2012 for states and UASIs; can be used at any level
  - Texas required THIRA (and SPR) from COG regions as annexes to their annual HSSP implementation plan
  - Output is scenario-based targets for each of the 31 Core Capabilities

- **SPR** *(What are our current capabilities and gaps, as compared to these requirements?)*
  - New methodology introduced in 2012
  - Assesses jurisdiction’s preparedness against THIRA targets

- **HSSP Implementation Plans** *(What are our priorities for addressing capability gaps?)*
  - HSSP requires annual implementation plans from state agencies and COG regions
Panel Discussion

- Alison Belcher (Houston UASI): Houston THIRA
- Barney Welch (PBRPC): Permian Basin THIRA
- John Kiehl (PRPC): Panhandle SPR and HSSP IP